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1. The See Kaserne in Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49) was still occupied by about 1,200 troops on 28 April 1951.

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2. Between noon and 9 p.m. on 21 April, seven units of about 60 soldiers each, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with signal insignia, and carrying field equipment, left the former telegraph construction office, a part of the billeting area of the Friedrich Franz Kaserne, and marched toward Altruppin. They were followed by trucks [Redacted]

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The soldiers had not returned, as of 28 April to the Friedrich Franz Kaserne where about 1,400 troops were quartered at that time. About 500 unarmed EM were seen drilling at squad level in the barracks yard on 25 April. Six units of about 80 soldiers each, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and carrying light field equipment and rifles, left toward Altruppin on 27 April.

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3. The Fridericus Kaserne was still occupied by about 5,000 troops on 28 April. About 150 EM were observed digging fire trenches north of the barracks installation.

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4. On 28 April, the girls' high school on Neustädterstrasse was occupied by about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 24 April, eleven groups of 28 soldiers each, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, marched to the Friedrich Franz Kaserne and returned about one hour later.

5. About 60 officers, including 6 colonels and 18 majors, left the military hospital at about 11 a.m. on 27 April.

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- F-3 6. On 3 April, from 5,000 to 6,000 troops and 2 military bands assembled in the stadium on Altruppinerallee and passed in review before several high-ranking officers. After the parade, a large number of troops left the stadium through the northern gate and marched to the Fridericus Kaserne, and columns totaling 224 officers and 2,617 EM, with 14 furled flags, left through the main gate of the stadium and marched along Altruppinerallee toward the same installation. Other columns, totaling 175 officers and 1,531 EM with 10 furled flags, departed toward the city. They were followed by three columns totaling 19 officers and 216 EM who had no flags. While the troops were marching out, sedan according to local residents, belonged to the tank general in Neuruppin, left the stadium. (5)

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Comments.

- (1) The present report indicates no change in the occupation of the See Kaserne, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne and the Fridericus Kaserne. The signal unit which has been repeatedly observed in the former telegraph construction office is believed to be the unidentified Gds signal battalion of the 12th Gds Tank Div.

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- (2) confirms the 48th Gds Tank Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div in Neuruppin until 22 February 1951.

- (3) Courses of instruction for personnel of the 12th Gds Tank Div were probably held in the girls' high school. It is possible that a small supply or transport unit may also be stationed there.

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- (4) The former military post hospital which is located in the billeting area of the Friedrich Franz Kaserne, probably houses the Hq 12th Gds Tank Div.

- (5) The review probably involved all units which are stationed in Neuruppin. estimate of 5,000 to 6,000 troops appears credible.

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